



# Park Avenue Synagogue קהל אגודת ישראל Bulletin

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## A Shavuot to Remember



**O**F ALL THE MEGILLOT, the Book of Ruth bears the most intriguing relationship to the holiday upon which it is read, Shavuot. In contrast to the “top-down” account of revelation to the community as a whole in the Festival Torah reading, *Megillat Ruth* tells of a single woman, Ruth, who

acquires Torah on her own terms and at her own pace. While the women of the community were told to keep their distance from Mount Sinai, it is a single woman who exemplifies the “taking on” of a Jewish identity. Of all the holidays, Shavuot is the one that most embodies the notion of chosenness, and yet it is the gentle gentile Ruth who reminds us of the inclusive nature of our covenant. It seems that if we take the message of Ruth to heart, then the Torah of Shavuot is an inclusive Torah, open to every searching Jew, available in whatever age or stage of life one finds oneself.

This year, I am delighted that these themes of the Book of Ruth will be showcased in our communal observance of Shavuot. On Tuesday evening May 14, following Festival evening services, the members of Central Synagogue and PAS will study together (at PAS) with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein. Rabbi Rubinstein, who recently announced his retirement from Central, is my treasured mentor, colleague and friend, and I am both honored and pleased that he will be addressing our community that evening. Rabbi Rubinstein’s remarks will be followed by breakout sessions with the Melton faculty of Park Avenue and

Central, including Rabbi Zuckerman, Cantor Angela Buchdahl, Rabbi Marion Lev-Cohen, Dr. Brigitte Sion and myself.

First day Shavuot services will highlight the Jewish journey of our adult bat mitzvah learners, whose names are listed on page 7. *Mazal tov!* I congratulate each of you on your commitment to Jewish study and practice. I know that your group bat mitzvah will be the first of many more milestones in your Jewish life and learning. Your efforts represent the very best of the story of Ruth and the entire Jewish people. I am grateful to Rabbi Zuckerman, Cantor Judi Rowland and Marga Hirsch for directing your studies. The entire community is proud of you. We look forward to celebrating with you and your families!

Shavuot is called *z’man matan torateinu*, the time of the giving of our Torah. The message of the designation is that the Torah was given at a particular time, but the receiving of the Torah occurs not on any single day, but year round and throughout our lives. As the synagogue programming year comes to a close, we can reflect on many moments when our congregation has studied and received Torah. What a beautiful capstone to a year of learning to study together in an inclusive context, in the company of such distinguished teachers, lifelong learners and role models.

Wishing everyone a *Hag Sameah!*

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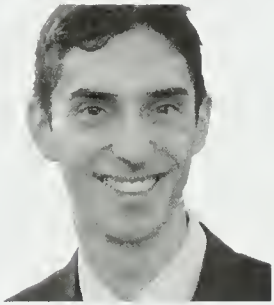
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## Writing our Last Chapter Together



### OUR SAGES TELL

**A STORY** about a rabbi named Honi – the same one who is remembered for

planting a carob tree as an old man so that his grandchildren would enjoy its fruit. Not long after that episode, Rav Honi fell asleep for seventy years. When he awoke, he went to his house and asked there, “Is the son of Honi still alive?”

The people told him, “His son is no longer alive, but his grandson is.” He said to them, “I am Honi.” They didn’t believe him. He left and went to the house of study. There he heard a rabbi saying, “These teachings are as clear to us as they were during the time of Honi,” for it was known that whenever Honi came to the house of study, he would resolve whatever problems the rabbis had encountered in their learning.

Honi said to the rabbis there, “I am Honi.” They did not believe him – they undoubtedly thought he was crazy – and did not treat him with the honor due him. Honi became anguished; he prayed for heavenly mercy, and he died. (BT Ta’anit 23a)

Without the respect of his colleagues, Honi could no longer fulfill his life’s vocation of teaching Torah, nor participate in the work of a new generation. He did not wish to live beyond a normal life span if there was no longer a task for him to accomplish. Our sages recognized that a long life is worthwhile only if it is fulfilling. Judaism urges each of us to pray for “length of days.” This is not meant to be a prayer for many days or years, but rather for the ability to fill the length of each day with life and vitality.

While few of us face a situation as dramatic as Honi’s, we all face the possibility of experiencing reduced ability to work, to learn, even to get

about, owing to the challenges of aging or illness. Whether we encounter these changes with family or friends or face them ourselves, in recognizing our own mortality, we become increasingly aware of the importance of addressing end-of-life challenges. We will have the opportunity to learn about these issues on Thursday, May 9, at an event co-sponsored by The Caring Network at PAS and MJHS, the largest hospice and palliative care program under Jewish auspices in the region. Following a talk by Rabbi Irwin Kula, President of CLAL, there will be a panel discussion with him and with Rabbi Mychal Springer (JTS), Dr. Bernard Lee (MJHS), and Susan Conceicao, LCSW (MJHS) about the importance of open discussions as we face end-of-life decisions. (See p. 11)

May we and our loved ones be blessed with length of days, embracing life, filling each day to its potential, and able to make the journey through that dark valley when our voyage is complete.

EVENT



## PAS Annual Meeting

Thursday | May 23 | 7:00 pm

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about the governance of the congregation and to recognize the members of the synagogue who volunteer their time and effort to make our community flourish. Join Rabbi Cosgrove and Chairman of the Board Steven M. Friedman in showing our appreciation to members of the Board and the Advisory Council who have reached their term limits. In his final “State of the Congregation” speech, Steve Friedman will reflect on our achievements over the past year, present the budget, present objectives for next year and welcome the new chairman, officers, trustees and advisory council members.



# Dor l'dor – From One Generation to Another

## AN AFTERNOON WITH HARRY KRIEGER

By Emily Abelow

**O**N FEBRUARY 6, I had the great honor to interview a very special member of Park Avenue Synagogue. It is an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life, because not many 13-year-olds have the great fortune to spend time with a centenarian.

I first met Harry Krieger on Rosh Hashanah 2012 when I blew the shofar for homebound seniors. It was amazing to meet Harry once, but having the honor of talking to him twice was incredible. At 100, Harry is “totally with it” and takes care of himself. He lives alone, pays his own bills, and reads every day. Given his strong independent streak, I found that it was best to let Harry steer our conversation in any way he desired.

Harry was born and raised in New York City. He loves this city and cannot imagine living anywhere else. His father was a peddler on the Lower East Side who came to New York in his 30s. Harry’s mother came to New York in her teens. His parents met here. Neither of them ever learned to speak English (they

spoke Yiddish) – which still confounds Harry today – so he was their designated translator in all of their personal and public affairs.

In 1926, Harry became a Bar Mitzvah at Kehilath Jeshurun, with Rabbi Joseph Lookstein officiating. He was later married there in 1938. He and his first wife then relocated to the Bronx, where they raised their two children.

In 1970, dissatisfied with the synagogues in the Bronx, Harry went shul shopping. He came across Park Avenue Synagogue, where he would later meet his second wife. Harry credits Park Avenue with all of his good fortune and luck. He claims that without this synagogue he would never have the apartment where he lives, or all the great memories. He tells many stories about all the rabbis and cantors that he had the pleasure of meeting and learning from, including Rabbi Nadich, Rabbi Lincoln, Cantor Lefkowitz, and Rabbi Cosgrove, who he proudly says has visited him twice.

When I asked about his favorite memory of Park Avenue, Harry said it was Kiddush. I thought this strange until he told us why. “Because that’s how you meet people. That’s how you make friends.”

Harry is the type of person who seems to make friends wherever he goes, even if he doesn’t leave his house much today. He speaks fondly of the women from Park Avenue who visit him regularly – Leah and Marilyn – and of the people from DOROT and Park East Butchers who supply his regular and holiday meals.

As our visit wound down, I asked Harry if there was anything else he wanted to talk about. He said there was one thing – one thing that he’d do if he was in charge of PAS. “I’d immediately change the name from Park Avenue Synagogue to Madison Avenue Synagogue,” he said. Even at 100, Harry hasn’t lost his spunk.

### ECC Applications for 2014-15

PAS member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 2014-15 school year are asked to call the school (212-369-2600, x150) and request an application form starting May 1, 2013.

All children who were born **before** April 1, 2012 are eligible for school in September 2014. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been active longtime members of the synagogue are given special consideration; however, because of limits on class size and the need to balance groups in a variety of ways, membership **does not** guarantee acceptance.

There is an application fee of \$40 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

For the school year beginning in September 2013 there were approximately 55 openings. It will be very helpful to have some idea prior to September how many eligible member families are interested in a place for the 2014-15 school term. This will enable us to determine how many applications from new members or nonmembers we will be able to accept. Thank you so much for your interest in the school and for your cooperation.

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## Schedule of Religious Services · אייר-סיון

*Daily minyanim* Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.  
*Minha / Ma'ariv* Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. *Minha* Friday at 6:00 pm.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 23 IYYAR**  
**6:15 pm** | Friday Evening service

**SATURDAY, MAY 4 24 IYYAR**  
*Parashat B'har/B'hukotai*  
**9:15 am** | Sanctuary service  
 Bat Mitzvah of Alison Comite  
**11:15 am** | YFE services (p. 12)  
**20 minutes after services** | Minha

**FRIDAY, MAY 10 1 SIVAN**  
*Rosh Hodesh*  
**5:00 pm** | YFE service & dinner (p. 12)  
**6:15 pm** | Friday Evening service

**SATURDAY, MAY 11 2 SIVAN**  
*Parashat B'midbar*  
**9:15 am** | Sanctuary service  
**9:30 am** | Havurah  
 Bar Mitzvah of Jared Feldman  
**20 minutes after services** | Minha  
**4:30 – 6:00 pm** | Hazzan's Tisch  
 Make Shabbat last all day! Visit with Cantor Azi Schwartz and his family to schmooze a bit, snack a bit, maybe even sing a bit. Then enjoy an evening walk home before Shabbat ends.

To register and for address, visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org), Music at PAS, and click on Events, or call 212-369-2600, x128.

**TUESDAY, MAY 14 5 SIVAN**  
**7:45 pm** | Festival Evening service

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 6 SIVAN**  
 Shavuot, 1<sup>st</sup> Day  
**9:15 am** | Festival Morning service  
 Adult Bat Mitzvah Ceremony  
**20 minutes after services** | Minha  
 No service at 5:45 pm

**THURSDAY, MAY 16 7 SIVAN**  
 Shavuot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day  
**9:15 am** | Festival Morning service, including Yizkor  
**11:15 am** | YFE Shavuot service (p. 12)  
**20 minutes after services** | Minha  
 No service at 5:45 pm

**FRIDAY, MAY 17 8 SIVAN**  
**6:15 pm** | Friday Evening service

**SATURDAY, MAY 18 9 SIVAN**  
*Parashat Naso*  
**9:15 am** | Sanctuary service  
 Bat Mitzvah of Payton Geller  
**9:30 am** | Havurah  
**11:15 am** | YFE services (p. 12)  
**20 minutes after services** | Minha

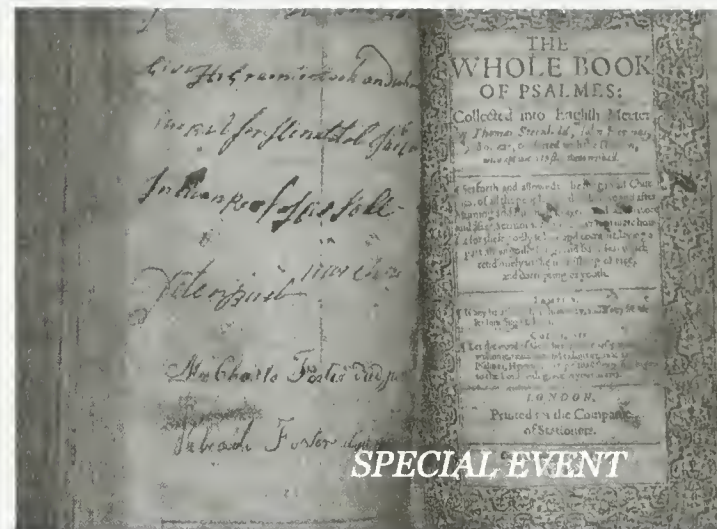
**FRIDAY, MAY 24 15 Sivan**  
**6:15 pm** | Friday Evening service

**SATURDAY, MAY 25 16 SIVAN**  
*Parashat B'ha'alotekha*  
**9:15 am** | Sanctuary service  
 Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Rizzi  
**20 minutes after services** | Minha

**FRIDAY, MAY 31 22 SIVAN**  
**6:15 pm** | Friday Evening service

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1 23 SIVAN**  
**9:15 am** | Sanctuary service

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct services together with Cantor Azi Schwartz and Cantor Shiree Kidron, with Colin Fowler at the organ and the Synagogue Choir: Ena Freeman, Yonah Gershator, Lawrence Rush and Raphael Biran.



### Annual Musicale

*Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God: An Interfaith Psalm Festival*  
 Sunday | May 5 | 4:00 pm | at PAS

Park Avenue Synagogue and Park Avenue Christian Church are pleased to celebrate the faiths' shared collection of sacred songs.

The Psalm Festival will feature an impressive range of musical settings, including a world premiere by award-winning American composer Yotam Haber.

The Festival will focus especially on the settings of Psalm 150 – the final, cosmic poem in the Book of Psalms which exhorts: *Kol ha-n'shamah t'hallel Yah*, "let everything that has breath praise God." The program will include polyphonic settings by 17th century Jewish composer Salomone Rossi; choral music by Felix Mendelssohn as well as later Romantic composers of the German Choral-Cantorial tradition; and contemporary musical settings by renowned gospel artist Richard Smallwood, Philadelphia-based composer Andrew Bleckner, and Lutheran composer René Clausen.

Rabbi Cosgrove and Rev. Alvin O. Jackson will offer brief commentaries about the enduring significance of the Book of Psalms. Performers will include Cantors Schwartz and Kidron; the PAS Synagogue Choir and Congregational Singers; PAS organist Colin Fowler; the Park Avenue Christian Church Sanctuary Choir and Gospel Choir; Paul Vasile, Minister of Music; and Deanna Witkowski, Pianist/Artist-in-Residence.



# Synagogue Family

בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH

## ALISON MARA COMITE

May 4 | Parashat B'har/B'hukkotai  
Daughter of Anita Slosberg Comite &  
Stephen L. Comite, M.D.



Alison has been active at Park Avenue Synagogue since her baby naming. She has been to Israel several times, first with PAS

in 2004. Following in the paths of her brothers, Matt and Elliot, Alison will be reading the entire Torah portion, both *B'har* and *B'hukkotai*.

Alison is a 7th grader at Heschel. She is a strong student taking advanced classes and a skilled, versatile athlete. Alison plays point guard and scored the winning basket in overtime to clinch the win for Heschel's first ever Girls' Middle School Basketball Championship. She was a starter on both school volleyball and coed softball teams. Alison is a top windmill pitcher in Manhattan travel softball. She also enjoys slalom waterskiing, tennis, skiing, and reading.

A talented artist, Alison won First Prize for painting at the Queens County Fair. She tap dances and plays piano and has performed at camp and school shows.

Alison loves her summers at Camp Kennybrook and would like camp extended to the whole year.

Alison is kind, friendly, and considerate. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she is helping to support *Zichron Menachem*, an Israeli association which supports children with cancer and their families.

Alison thanks her tutor Rivka Soloway and her teacher Rabbi Anne Ebersman, as well as Rabbis Cosgrove and Rein and Cantors Schwartz and Kidron for their help.

## ANDREW ISAACSON

minha May 4 | Parashat B'midbar  
Son of Alissa & Joel Isaacson



Andrew is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at PAS with his family and friends. He has attended the Congregational School

for the past five years. Andrew is in 7th grade at The Gateway Middle School, where his favorite subjects are history and math. He is an enthusiastic learner who never backs down from a challenge, and a joyful and compassionate son, friend, relative, and student. A sports fanatic, Andrew plays on his school's varsity basketball and softball teams and is an avid member of their sports writing club. He is currently involved in a year-long film making seminar in which he helped to write, film, edit, and present a film he hopes to submit to small film festivals.

Andrew loves to play and watch all sports and fuels his passion each summer at Campus Kids-Minisink in Port Jervis, NY. He is a terrific tennis player and also enjoys boating, swimming, and kayaking. He loves movies, fine dining, historical travel, beach vacations, music, and gaming.

Andrew was proud to volunteer at the PAS Food Pantry for his mitzvah project and looks forward to continuing his support of this important community effort. He wishes to thank his teachers and staff at PAS, Rabbi Cosgrove, Rabbi Rein, and Cantor Schwartz for their support and guidance. Finally, Andrew and his family wish to thank Cantor Shiree Kidron in particular for her incredible patience, kindness, and encouragement as she has helped him prepare for this milestone.

## JARED FELDMAN

May 11 | Parashat B'midbar  
Son of Jennifer and Mark Feldman



Jared began his Jewish education at PAS in HaMishpachah Sheli classes. He attended the ECC and now attends the Congregational

School. Jared is a passionate and voracious learner. Now in 7th grade at the Dalton School, his favorite subjects are history and math.

In *Parashat B'midbar*, God asks Moses to take a census of the entire Israelite community. Jared has enjoyed studying the portion as he feels it links his favorite academic subjects with Tikkun Olam, something he takes seriously. Jared has helped to raise money and awareness for many organizations including ones supporting cancer research, clean water and disaster relief.

Jared is an avid sports fan and athlete who has never met a sport he did not like. His favorite is basketball and he is among the Knicks' most die-hard fans. At Camp Greylock, where he has spent the past 5 summers, Jared is known to smile the entire summer while playing every sport, avoiding the lake and making lasting friendships.

Jared is a great big brother to his sister Sydney, who credits all her sports knowledge and skills to her brother. She happily takes credit for his fashion education.

Jared and his family would like to thank the rabbis and cantors, Ronit Aranoff, his tutor Ariela Wallace and his PAS teachers for his Jewish education and for helping him to prepare for this important day.



#### PAYTON GELLER

May 18 | Parashat Naso

Daughter of Jennifer M. Levine and Charles Geller



Payton has attended the Congregational School since second grade. Now in the 7th grade at The Spence School, she enjoys

science and history. As a daughter of two doctors, she is interested in medicine. At the same time, after reading *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and because she enjoys history so much, she sometimes aspires to become a lawyer.

Payton loves performing. She participates in dance and piano at school and attends French Woods Camp. Her favorite Jewish holiday is Passover. Bright and perceptive, Payton is caring and loving to her family and friends.

Payton has been very diligent in her Bat Mitzvah preparation and has particularly enjoyed learning her Haftarah. She would like to thank her Bat Mitzvah tutor Zach Spiegel, and also Ronit Aranoff for all of their help. She would also like to thank Rabbis Cosgrove and Rein, as well as Cantor Schwartz, in addition to all of her teachers, for helping her become a Bat Mitzvah.

#### JACOB MICHAEL RIZZI |

May 25 | Parashat B'ha'alot'kha

Son of Lisa & Steven Rizzi



Jacob has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue his entire life. He celebrated his bris at PAS, attended the ECC, and is currently

a student in the Congregational School. Jacob is in 7th grade at the Salk School of Science, where he excels in all of his subjects, but especially enjoys science, math and Spanish.

In his spare time, Jacob enjoys singing, swimming, and performing in theater, especially musical theater. He has played roles such as the King in *Once Upon a Mattress* and Beauregard in *Mame*. Jacob also enjoys playing with the family birds, Esme, Snuggles and Casper. Jacob loves spending his summers acting in the JCC Summer Theater program and visiting his grandmother, aunt, uncle and cousins in California.

Jacob is very excited to be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue and would like to thank his family, all of his teachers, tutors and the clergy for helping him prepare for this very special day.



#### מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

Nan & Howard Rubin on the birth of a granddaughter, Alice Rae Rubin, and to the parents, Dana & Jake Rubin

**The Adult Bat Mitzvah Class** – Neva Anton, Darcy Dalton, Barbara Delgado, Eleanor Frommer, Sarah Gould, Lea Hertzberg, Doris Hsu, Ruth Rothseid, Adrian Walter-Ginzburg, Vanessa Waye, Barbara Weinstein (see p. 10)

Carolyn & Aaron Shapiro, on the birth of a son, Alexander, and to big brothers Sam and Ben

#### ברוכים הבאים WELCOME

Philip Singer & Kimberly Molstre

#### המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Babak Sarrafzadeh, Alessandro & Gabriella, and Aram & Sherine Moezina on the loss of their wife, mother and sister, Nazanine Moezinia Sarrafzadeh

Susan Tauber Lemor & Isaac Lemor on the loss of her mother, Miriam Tauber

Nicole & Richard Nackenson on the loss of her mother, Pearl (Penny) Lehman

Randi Goldberg & Steven Wasserman on the loss of her mother, Eleanor Goldberg

# Weekly Classes

## MONDAY

**Siddur Hebrew 2** | 6:15 – 7:15 pm  
| Cantor Judi Rowland (*no class on May 13 or 27*)

**Adult Bat Mitzvah** | 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
| R. Neil Zuckerman & C. Judi Rowland  
(*no class on May 20 or 27*)

**Modern Hebrew** | 7:30 – 9:00 pm |  
Varda Hubara (*meets only on May 6*)

## TUESDAY

**Essential Essays** | 8:00 am, after  
minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

**Contemporary Jewish Thought**  
| 11:30 am | Rabbi Steven Rein

**Siddur Hebrew 1** | 6:15 – 7:15 pm  
| Cantor Judi Rowland (*no class on May 14 or 28*)

**Introduction to Judaism** | 6:15 –  
8:30 pm | Rabbi Steven Rein (*no classes  
on May 14*)

## WEDNESDAY (*no classes on May 15*)

**Perusin' the Parashah  
Medieval Style** | 8:00 am, after  
minyan | Abe Lebovic

**Melton Grad: Israeli Literature  
as a Window to Israeli Society** |  
6:30 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek (*last class  
on May 8*)

**Melton 2** | 6:45 – 9:00 pm | R.  
Zalman Rothschild and R. Shmuel Afek

## THURSDAY (*no classes on May 16*)

**Melton 1** | 9:15 – 11:30 am | Rabbi  
Elliot Cosgrove and Debbie Cosgrove

**Melton Grad: Bereshit I** |  
10:30 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman (*last  
class on May 9*)

**Library Lunch & Learn** | 12:00  
– 1:00 pm | Facilitators: May 9, 23 –  
David Minkus; May 30 – Karl Ludwig

**KARL LUDWIG** is a 19-year-old from Berlin who is in NYC for a year through Action Reconciliation Service for Peace, a German peace and volunteer service organization founded in the aftermath of World War II to confront the legacy of the Nazi regime. Karl is an intern at DOROT. He will share his experiences visiting with Holocaust survivors and supporting homeless older adults. An accomplished violist and violinist, Karl has used music as a supplemental means of communication, especially with people who have dementia. Karl will also discuss modern Germany and how young Germans view their current place in the world given their country's history.



## FRIDAY

**Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud  
Study** | 8:00 am, after minyan | Rabbi  
Steven Rein

## SATURDAY/SHABBAT

**Parashat HaShavua** | 8:45 am

For additional information about classes and events listed here, including fees, if any, please look in the Winter-Spring Program Calendar or on [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).



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# This Month at PAS



## Midtown Lunch & Learn

Judaism's Great Debates

Wednesdays | May 1, 8 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Space is limited. RSVP to [mglasser@pasyn.org](mailto:mglasser@pasyn.org).

## Monthly Interfaith Dialogue

Thursday | May 2 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | R. Steven Rein and Fr. Ugo Nacciarone from the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola | at the Church, 980 Park Ave (at 84th St)

## Congregational Singers

Thursday | May 2 | 7:00 – 8:15 pm | Cantor Azi Schwartz

Sponsored by Women's Network

## Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday | May 6 | 11:00 am | Renée Waldinger

*When We Argued All Night* by Alice Mattison

## Women in the Bible

Friday | May 17 | 9:15 – 10:00 am | Debbie Cosgrove

Mitzvah of the Month

## Coffeehouse with Selfhelp\*

Sunday | May 19 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Riverdale Y Senior Center

Back by popular demand, Cantor Shiree Kidron, along with children from the congregation, will again entertain Selfhelp participants.

\*UJA-Federation Beneficiary Agency

RSVP to Susan Winthrop at [snewmark@hotmail.com](mailto:snewmark@hotmail.com).

Sponsored by Singles Committee

## Summer Kick-Off Party on the Roof

Monday | May 20 | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Get in the mood for summer with live music, dinner, beer and wine.

Cost: \$20 with advance registration; \$25 at the door.

RSVP to [tcrmadv@aol.com](mailto:tcrmadv@aol.com), or call Fred Mirsky at 212-634-6447 x2158

Sponsored by Women's Network

## Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | May 21 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

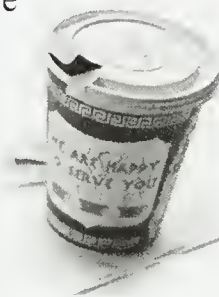
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## Lunch/Film/Discussion: *It is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl*

Tuesday | May 28 | 1:00 pm

## Caffeine for the Soul

Friday | May 31 | 9:15 – 10:00 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove



## East Side Torah Learning Coalition

The Torah Learning Coalition (TLC) is a consortium of East Side synagogues that have joined together to invite each other's members to share in Torah learning. Beyond learning for its own sake, the TLC promotes community regardless of denominational background. Each class is taught by a rabbi of one of the coalition synagogues, and members of all the synagogues are invited to the class to study together. The first series of classes has been devoted to *Pirkei Avot* Ethics of Our Ancestors. Join this groundbreaking project! Be part of the broader Jewish community, at the same time as you show your pride in being a member of PAS. Attend a session now even if you have not come earlier.

Thursday | May 2 | 7:30 pm | Chapter 5 | Rabbi Ephraim Pelcovits | at Shaaray Tefila

Thursday | May 9 | 12:30 pm | Chapter 6 | Rabbi Jonathan Stein | at Sutton Place

Thursday | May 30 | 7:00 pm | Siyyum – Concluding Program | Check [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) for location

Please visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) for the addresses of the synagogues and to confirm details.

Edmond de Rothschild  
Library  
Spring  
Hours

Monday – Thursday: 12:00 – 6:30 pm | Friday by appointment | Librarian: Marga Hirsch

Note: the library is closed during classes on Wednesdays, 6:45 – 9:00 pm, and Thursdays, 9:15 – 11:45 am. Outside of these times, the library is usually open. To be sure of seeing Marga, call ahead. When she is not there, follow the instructions posted in the library for checking out and returning books.



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# Events

## Adult Bat Mitzvah Ceremony

Wednesday | May 15 | 9:15 am, at services for the first day of Shavuot

Every week for more than a year a diverse group of eleven women, from Taiwan, Israel, New England, and Brooklyn, ranging in age from 31 to 70+ years, have come together to study. As different as our backgrounds are, and as much as our knowledge of Hebrew and Torah varies, we are bound together by our love of learning, our devotion to Judaism, our desire to better understand our traditions and rituals, a commitment to learning trope, and a longing to fulfill a mitzvah once prohibited to women. Our mutual respect and our awareness of what we can learn from each other permeate the classroom each time we meet. We thank Cantor Rowland, Rabbi Zuckerman and Marga Hirsch for guiding us through our preparation. We invite the entire Park Avenue Synagogue community to join us on the first morning of Shavuot as we commemorate the divine revelation at Mt. Sinai and hear the reading of the Ten Commandments. As each of us chants a section of the Torah reading, we will be standing in awe of one another as we fulfill a lifelong dream shared by all. (See p. 7.)



*The Park Avenue Synagogue Lecture Series*  
*The Shifting Landscape of American Jewry*  
**The Future of the Jewish Past**  
*Deborah Lipstadt*

Tuesday | May 7 | 7:00 pm

Cost: \$18 members; \$25 general.

**DR. DEBORAH LIPSTADT** is Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta.

## Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday | May 14 | 9:00 pm, following services and a cheesecake reception

It is traditional to study as a community on the eve of Shavuot. This year, we will partner with Central Synagogue to host an evening of study, opening with remarks from **Rabbi Peter Rubinstein**, and followed by Melton-style breakout study sessions with **Rabbi Cosgrove**, **Rabbi Zuckerman**, **Cantor Angela Buchdahl** and **Rabbi Marion Lev-Cohen**. Open to all.



## Taste of Melton

Tuesday | May 21 | 7:00 pm

Find out what the buzz is about! Rabbi Neil Zuckerman—one of our most popular Melton instructors—will use Melton's text-based approach to give you a taste of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning. Liz Offenbach will explain the specifics of the program and will be available to answer questions.

*PAS is proud to host the Cantors Assembly*

## Installation of Cantor Nancy Abramson as President of CA

Wednesday | May 22 | Installation, 4:30 pm | Dinner, 5:30 pm | 7:30 pm, Concert Celebrating 25 Years of Women in the Cantors Assembly

In lieu of our annual participation in the JTS Garden Party, JTS@PAS invites members to honor Nancy by attending the installation and staying for the dinner. Proceeds will contribute to scholarships for JTS cantorial students.

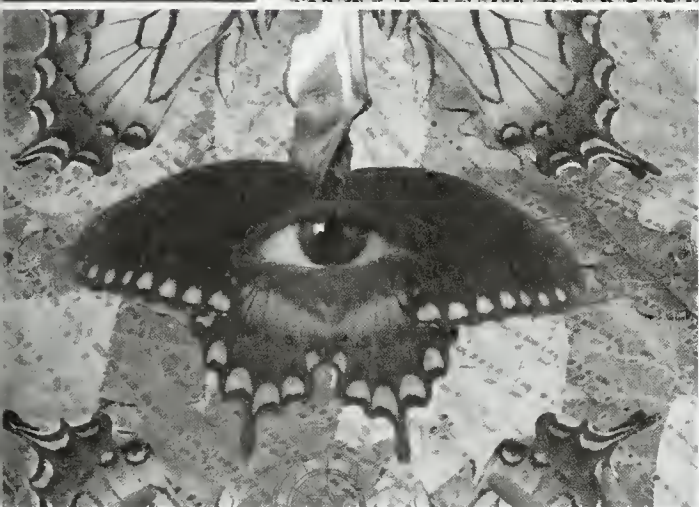
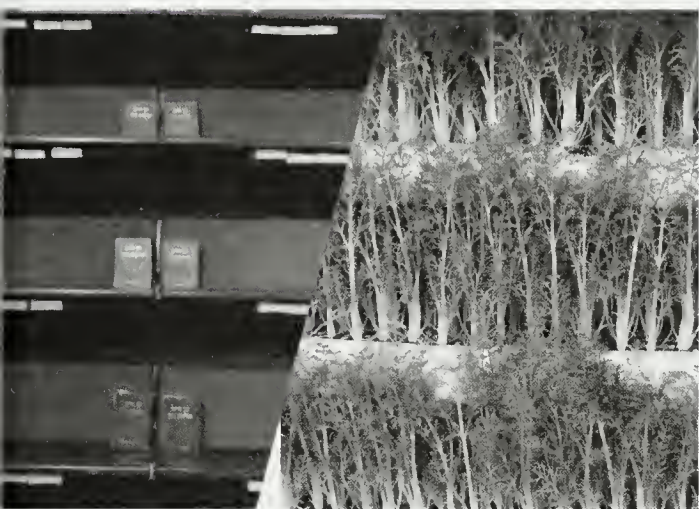
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## Gallery



### The Jewish Lens: Seasons

May

Opening Reception: Wednesday | May 1 | 5:30-6:00 pm

Zayin learners in our Congregational School, through the Jewish Lens project, have created photographic work in partnership with teens from Moshav Sde Yaacov in northern Israel. Both groups explored the theme of “Seasons,” exchanging letters and sharing their photographs, which focused on colors and shapes within the seasons. The Gallery showcases our learners’ work paired with the work of the Israeli learners.

### Circles Within Circles: Jewish Time Frames

End of May – June

Photographer **Lloyd Wolf** and poet **Sherri Waas Shunfenthal** have collaborated to create an innovative and beautifully thoughtful body of work exploring aspects of time as understood and expressed in Judaism. While Western philosophy contends that time is linear, we Jews live in circles – the circle of seasons, circle of memory, the circles of our history and traditions, and circles of family that connect us through the generations.

**LLOYD WOLF** is an award-winning photographer based in Arlington, VA. He has had over 100 national and international solo and group exhibitions, and has work included in the collections of numerous noted museums and archives.

**SHERRI WAAS SHUNFENTHAL** is a free-lance writer/poet whose work has appeared in magazines, books, and artwork. She is the author of *Sacred Voices: Women of Genesis Speak*

## The Caring Network at PAS

*Co-sponsored by MJHS*

### Let’s Write the Last Chapter Together

Thursday | May 9 | 7:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Irwin Kula, President of CLAL, The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership  
Panelists: Rabbi Mychal Springer (JTS), Bernard Lee, M.D.(MJHS), Susan Conceicao, LCSW (MJHS); Moderator: Rabbi Steven Rein

The speaker and panelists will address the importance of open discussion as we face end-of-life and discuss the meaningful difference that an open dialogue – between patient, family, physician, social worker and spiritual advisor – can make.

*Generously supported by UJA-Federation of NY*

### Grandparents Group

Tuesday | May 21 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm |  
Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

### Caregivers Support Group

Thursday | May 23 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm |  
Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

### Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families

Tuesdays | 3:00 – 5:30 pm, by  
appointment | Shira Felberbaum, MSW

*For more information or to make an appointment, please call Shira at 212-632-4735 or email her at [sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org](mailto:sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org). You can also contact Rabbi Rein at [srein@pasyn.org](mailto:srein@pasyn.org) or at 212-369-2600, x124.*

### Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and their Caregivers

Thursdays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |  
Yael Kornfeld, LMSW.

*For more information or to make an appointment, contact Rabbi Rein at [srein@pasyn.org](mailto:srein@pasyn.org) or at 212-369-2600, x124 or Yael at 212-769-2850 or [ykornfeld@dorotusa.org](mailto:ykornfeld@dorotusa.org).*

Onsite social work support is made possible by a UJA Partners in Caring grant.



Youth Education & Events

Congregational School Schedule

For additional information, please refer to the Winter/Spring Program Calendar or visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org).

Wednesday   May 1   5:30 – 6:00 pm   Zayin (Grade 7) Jewish Lens Gallery Opening
Saturday   May 4   9:15 am – 11:50 am  Hey and Vav (Grades 5 & 6) Learners Shabbat Experience
11:00 – 11:45 am   Gan, Alef and Bet (K-2) Family Shabbat Experience
11:00 – 11:45 am   Gimel and Dalet (Grades 3 & 4) Family Shabbat Experience
Monday – Thursday   May 6 – 9   Last week of school
Wednesday   May 8   9:15 am   Incoming Gimel Parent Orientation
6:15 pm   Incoming Gimel Parent Orientation
Saturday   May 11   9:15 – 11:50 am  Gimel, Dalet, Hey and Vav (Grades 3-6) learners last Shabbat Experience
4:00 pm   Vav (Grade 6 ) Book Club with Rabbi Cosgrove
Tuesday   May 14   6:00 pm   All School Tekes Siyyum (End of Year Ceremony)
Tuesday   May 21   6:00 – 7:30 pm   Hey (Grade 5) Bnei Mitzvah Parent Orientation

**Tavim Youth Choir** | Mondays | May 6, 13, 20 | 5:00 – 5:40 pm | Cantor Shiree Kidron



Young Family Education

For more information and to register, go to [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org). Click on Young Family Education and then on the event.

Shabbat & Holiday Programs

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday | May 4, 18 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Shabbat Service and Dinner for Tiny Treasures and Families with Young Children – Birthday Blessings, Too!

Friday | May 10 | Service 5:00 pm, Dinner approx. 5:30 | \$  
Honoring children age 1 – 2 years old.

Young Family Shavuot Service

Thursday | May 16 | 11:15 am

Celebrate the festival of the spring harvest with music, dance and bringing “first fruits.”

Register now for YFE Fall Toddler and Afterschool Programs!  
Visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on Young Family Education.



Youth Activities & RJNHS

To register, unless otherwise noted, go to [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org). Click on Youth Activities/RJNHS. Under Upcoming Events, click on the event.

Weekly Volunteer Opportunity: PAS Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 3:30 – 5:00 pm | Food packaging  
Fridays | 3:30 pm – beginning of Shabbat | Food distribution

Parent and Teen Shabbat Study Session with Rabbi Cosgrove

Saturday | May 4 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Conversational Hebrew Club

Tuesdays | May 7, 21, 28 | 6:15 pm | Cantor Shiree Kidron  
Learn Hebrew as Israeli teens speak it through reading about current events and studying the lyrics of Israeli popular music. Prerequisite: ability to read Hebrew. Open to teens in Grade 7 and above.



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David Parker, *in memory of* his father, Herman Parker.  
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Barbara Kramer.  
Earl & Janet Kramer, *in memory of* her father, Irving Rosenfeld.  
Diana Landis.  
David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in memory of* her beloved father, Irving Mintzer.  
David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in celebration of* the marriage of Jack Topal & Evelyn Gelman.  
Bernard & Phyllis Leventhal, *in memory of* Mynne Leventhal.  
Phyllis Leventhal, *in loving memory of* her beloved father, Dr. Leo Brawn.  
Alan & Alison Levine, *in memory of* her mother, Florence Levine.  
Paul & Joyce Levine, *in memory of* Ann Celnik.  
Marian Levitt, *in honor of* Howard & Rachelle Balaban's new grandchild, Hadley Jane Balaban.



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To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b> 25 Iyyar  4:00 pm Psalm Festival	<b>6</b> 26 Iyyar  11:00 am Bk Discussion Grp 5:00 pm Tavim 6:15 pm Hebrew 2 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew	<b>7</b> 27 Iyyar  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 3:00 pm JBFCs soc wrkr 6:15 pm Hebrew 1 6:15 pm Intro to Judaism 7:00 pm PAS Lecture Series	<b>8</b> 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim  8:00 am Perusin' Parashah 12:30 pm Midtown L & L 6:30 pm Melton Grad 6:45 pm Melton 2	<b>2</b> 22 Iyyar  9:15 am Melton 1 9:45 am Melton Grad 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 6:30 pm Interfaith Dialogue 7:00 pm Cong Singers 7:30 pm TLC Coalition	<b>3</b> 23 Iyyar Candles, 7:35 pm  8:00 am Daf HaShavua 3:30 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Friday Evening svce	<b>4</b> 24 Iyyar Parashat B'har/ B'hukkotai  8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 11:15 am YFE services 20 mins after services, Minha 4:00 pm Teen Study w/ R. Cosgrove
<b>12</b> 3 Sivan  4:00 pm Psalm Festival	<b>13</b> 4 Sivan  5:00 pm Tavim 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew	<b>14</b> 5 Sivan  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm PAS offices close 6:00 pm Tekes Siyyum 7:45 pm Festival Evening Svce 9:00 pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot	<b>15</b> 6 Sivan Shavuot, 1st day  9:15 am Festival Morning svce & Adult Bat Mitzvah 20 mins after svce, Minha	<b>16</b> 7 Sivan Shavuot, 2nd day  9:15 am Melton 1 9:45 am Melton Grad 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm TLC Coalition 7:00 pm Cong Singers 7:00 pm MJHS event	<b>17</b> 8 Sivan Candles, 7:49 pm  8:00 am Daf HaShavua 3:30 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm YFE svc & dinner 6:15 pm Friday Evening svce	<b>18</b> 9 Sivan Parashat Naso  8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 20 mins after services, Minha 9:30 am Havurah 11:15 am YFE services
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## A Look Ahead

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### Celebrate Israel Parade

SUNDAY | JUNE 2 | STEPPING-OFF TIME TBA

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**Speaker: Matti Friedman, author of *The Aleppo Codex: A True Story of Obsession, Faith, and the Pursuit of the Ancient Bible***

TUESDAY | JUNE 25 | 7:00 PM

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### Context Minicourse: Contemporary Israeli Short Fiction

**Dr. Wendy Zierler**

WEDNESDAYS | JULY 10, 17, 31, AND AUGUST 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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### *Hava Nagila: The Movie*, followed by Rooftop Concert and Reception

TUESDAY | JULY 23 | 6:30 PM